

GETTING READY FOR THE NEXT ELECTION

Tar Heel Republicans Already Planning for the Campaign of 1918

Raleigh, Nov. 13.—Within a week after their crushing defeat Republicans are laying plans for another campaign from which they hope better results and a return to their old-time vote.

In a short while those who would create a new order or restore the old will give their names to the public. They are just feeling about now and taking stock of the party which preciously near went into bankruptcy last week. Three things they will present, it is said. They will declare unequivocally for the constitutional amendment of 1900 and berate the Democrats for voting the blacks; will declare passionately against the payment of the carpetbag bonds and fight the Democrats to bitter death over any proposition to take the tariff, the birthright of the Republicans, out of politics.

Even more positively, they do say, they will refuse to assent to the Democracy again for "extravagance," unless the typical Democracy again reigns and soup houses, bread lines and panic walk about the country again. "No use to have a campaign in a year like this," Thad Ivey, perfectly fearless, said a day or so ago, and Thad had taken a "high dive into the lake of truth" more than a month ago. Mr. Ivey doesn't think it possible to talk against 19.25 cotton, 90c cottonseed and \$1.75 wheat. Mr. Ivey can produce lambi hexameters in the presentation of Senator Butler, but he can't chant roundelays on the Democratic adversity that persists in 20c cotton and 35c tobacco here in Wake.

But some State leaders are seriously sounding their party upon the incorporation of the amendment and the bond repudiation in their next platform. What could have been more diabolically unfortunate than the Cuban suit on the eve of an election can hardly be imagined. Some Republicans think it a Democratic plot, others think it the devil's ill-luck who will follow the party every time Senator Butler wins a point in it. But it came out at the crucial time and did business in every town that has a paper.

But while one set of the disconsolate would discuss points upon which the party might agree, another element, stronger the past year than the powers of union, accepts the defeat of the State ticket as the evidence of a laydown by the Duncan forces and now opines that the one hope is to take Senator Butler, make him leader and whip to fearsome finish everything that ever looked of Duncan. Down in Sampson, Wayne, Cumberland and Duplin is a coterie of Republicans who believe the solution is just that. They cannot agree helplessly at odds. They cannot agree upon fundamental facts.

Some of these men have knowledge of a letter which they say E. Carl Duncan wrote to a President of the United States once upon a time, as the storybooks say, and that gentleman is known to fame as "Big Bill Taft." These Republicans, like Judge Clark's Yancey man, "have heard" of that letter whose contents they know not, in detail. But they

do say that Mr. Duncan, after the election of 1910, submitted a few remarks to Mr. Taft and called a few names which correspond faithfully with the present-day disorganization that ran upon the rocks last week. Duncan Doesn't Depose.

Now, the Honorable Carl will not depose. That was done for him in March. He won't deny that he wrote a letter, he merely puts it up to Mr. Big Bill Taft, as they call him, and what he said to Mr. Taft, if he said it, is yet in the capacious bosom of that most capacious man. But some "Radicals" have read that letter. They say Duncan told the fat person that these blamed fellows down here had pretty nigh ruined the party, but Duncan doesn't say he said so. He doesn't say he said at all. And Duncan's enemies relate the Taft letter and its supposed, "I told you so," to show that Duncan "lays down" when he is beaten and thereby brings to grief the reformers who would relieve the party of this Duncan body o' death.

This is all inside stuff which Duncan's enemies are peddling. They say that Duncan has always opposed growth. Lester Butler and Bud Marion have written that a thousand times and they have succeeded in making a few believe it. They believe it themselves, apparently. But the figures are more interesting than fervid attack upon Duncan.

The Republican party polled 128,296 votes in the 1900 election and the first application of the amendment knocked out 65,000. In 1902 it registered and voted 68,174 men. In 1904, when Alton B. Parker, the silent, went against Roosevelt, the modest, the Republicans voted 77,017. In 1908, two years after the Duncan-Adams forces triumphed, the Republicans ran their vote to 114,884. Their State vote was less than 7,000 behind that and they reduced the biggest Democratic vote to a 37,000 majority.

In 1910 Duncan and Adams were overthrown. Their four years had brought their 77,000 vote to 114,000. In 1910 John M. Morehead beat the alliance out on the Butler-Morehead-Settle bigger combine. There were three Republican congressmen that year, elected in the 1908 election. The party was in a great majority but that year it lost the house. The Republican vote slipped back to 94,017. Morehead's district went Democratic again by 3,000 and the two Western Republican congressmen retired for Democrats. And unless the Republicans run their total to 94,000 this year they will not equal the passable record made in an off year, the first under the Morehead-Settle-Butler management, and will fall 20,000 short of the best Duncan-Adams year.

1910 took place the un-typical Republican campaign. Eugene Holton was railing at the factories and the Democratic devilry that allows them and other corporations to run the Democracy; Jesse A. Giles was lambasting the business men for not running their factories on full time, while they made fabulous dividends; Tom Settle was talking local self-government and appealing to the anti-prohibition sentiment; Butler was calling Josephus Daniels, Simmons and Overman "skunks and traitors," and urging the committees to bill him over the State, while much smaller fry cursed Duncan for being a prohibitionist. And Elwood Cox, their chief, had taken 13,000 more votes than any former Republican, and 16,000 more than Settle and Meares combined.

Everywhere Mr. Butler did the oratoricals that year the Republican vote shrunk and the Democratic party distended itself. What Duncan said to Mr. Taft is locked up in the

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Ress is a Belgian and comes here with an enviable reputation. He wrestled last winter in the Manhattan Opera House during the National tournament and is quite a figure in the wrestling world. Smith, who will meet him, is a resident of New Bern and has been training with Draak. He wires Mr. Hanson that he is in excellent condition and confident of downing his adversary. The festivities will start at 8:30 o'clock.

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Duncan-Taft breast. But if the Raleigh Republican did not write the 1910 history as the 1916 should be written, antics, men and measures all, the Raleigh leader is not half so good an historian as a banker and not one-third the interpreter that he once was politician.

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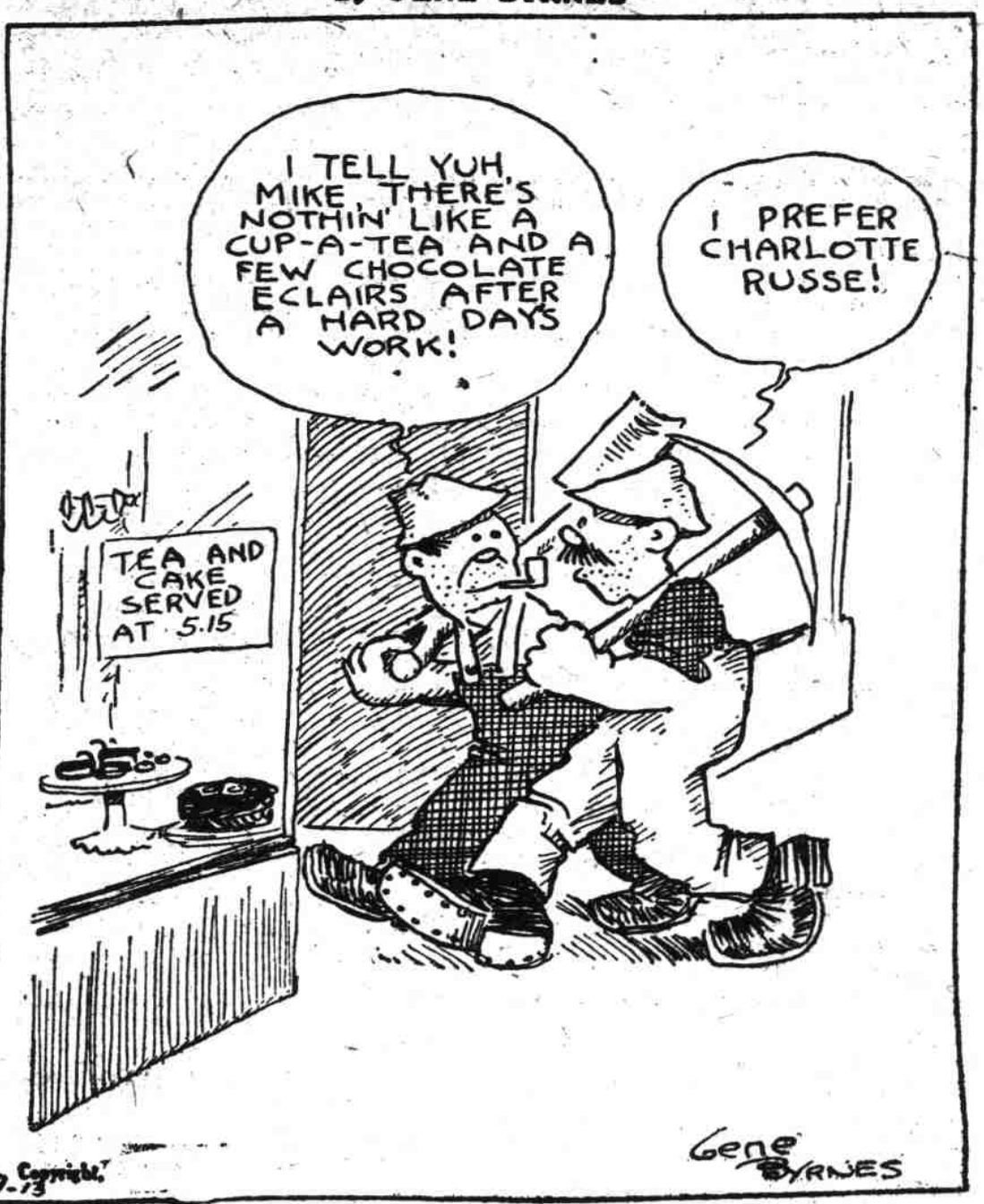
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